

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. INGALLS, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 1143.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1143) submit the following report:*

It is shown that the applicant was married to Robert Allison, sr., in 1842. He died in 1861.

John Fulmer swears that he was a soldier of the war of 1812, and a member of Captain Hulsell's company, from Washington County, Tennessee; that in 1813 or 1814, upon the expiration of his term of service, and when returning to his home in Washington City, he met at a fort on the Hiwasspee River a company of soldiers from Sullivan County, Tennessee, under the command of Captain Scott; that he was acquainted with Scott and many of the soldiers under him, and in that company he plainly and distinctly remembers to have seen and talked with Robert Allison, sr., who was a member of that company, armed and equipped "and on duty;" the said Allison being at the time in actual service. He knew Allison well, "they having been boys together," and knew him intimately until his death. They afterward talked about the meeting frequently. The place of meeting was 180 miles from Allison's home. He cannot say how long Allison served in the Army, but knows it was near six months from the time he met him until he (Allison) returned home.

John Allison, sr., swears he was brother to Robert Allison, and of his own personal knowledge and recollection Robert Allison was drafted into the military service of the United States in the war of 1812 at Blountville, in Sullivan County, Tennessee, and served in Captain Scott's company; that Robert Allison left said county with Scott's company, armed and equipped; cannot state the length of service.

Both these witnesses prove that all the members of Scott's company are now dead.

Rachael Gregg, daughter of Abram Gregg, who was a soldier of the war of 1812, and related to Allison; knew him well; often heard her father and Allison speak of the service of the latter in the war of 1812, and of the fact that he was a soldier in that war; knew Allison well for many years; was "raised" on the homestead of the Allison family.

James Hodges swears: Am 78 years old; knew Robert Allison from the time he reached manhood; was intimate with him for fifty years; have always understood in the neighborhood—I often heard the fact spoken of—that he was a soldier in the war of 1812; have heard Allison speak of the fact; heard Abram Gregg speak of it.

Mary Allison, the applicant: Was told frequently by my husband that he was drafted in the war of 1812, and served as a soldier under Capt. Joseph Scott, and marched into the Hiwassee Valley, which was upon the border of the Indian tribes at war with the United States often heard him speak of the incidents of the service, &c.

Mrs. Hall, a daughter of Allison, swears that she is a daughter by Allison's first marriage, 60 years old; often heard her father speak of his military service in the war of 1812; often heard my aunt, the sister of Allison, speak of his service, and the distress of the family when he was drafted; heard my grandfather speak of it, and the trouble and distress it brought upon the family; of his having served at Knoxville and other points, &c.

From this it clearly appears:

1. That Robert Allison was drafted for military service.
2. That he marched from his home in Sullivan County, Tennessee, to the Hiwassee River, a distance of 188 miles.
3. That he was in the military service, "armed and equipped," and doing military duty.
4. That he was absent on this duty near six months.
5. From tradition and reputation, he served at Knoxville and other points.
6. All this was on the border of the Indian Territory, the United States being at war with the Indians.

The committee recommend that the bill do pass.